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ABSTRACT

A Metering Billing and Information Solutions ("MBIS") system for metering electricity usage and processing associated information includes an automated meter which electronically communicates metering information to a data processing system. The data processing system then appropriately calculates an electric bill using the metering information received from the meter. Additionally, the data processing system electronically stores the metering, billing, and other appropriate consumer account information. The MBIS system also includes an information system, which can be used by a consumer to remotely access the information stored by the data processing system. A payment system is also included in the MBIS system to facilitate electronic payment by a consumer.